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subject matter. The right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims is reserved.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

19. A G protein coupled receptor protein comprising an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:56, or a salt thereof.

20. A DNA coding for the G protien coupled receptor protein according to claim 19.

21. A recombinant vector comprising the DNA according to claim 20.

REMARKS

Applicants elected Group III, claims 5-9, and the species represented by SEQ ID NO:56, in the above response to the Restriction Requirement.

Newly added claim 19 is directed to the protein as set forth in the elected species SEQ ID NO: 56, claim 20 is directed to the DNA coding for the protein of SEQ ID NO:56, and claim 21 is directed to the vector that contains the DNA coding for the protein of SEQ ID NO:56. Because the protein of SEQ ID NO:56 cannot be encoded without its DNA and the vector containing the DNA, Applicants respectfully request that claims 19-21 be entered and examined simultaneously with the elected claims 5-9.

Applicants respectfully believe that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly requested.

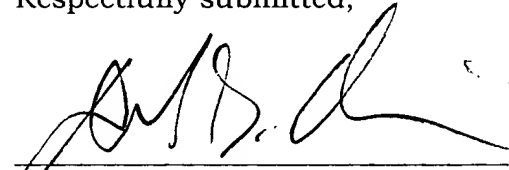
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It is noted that the Office Action sets the period for response to the Office Action to expire **3 months** from the date of the letter. Since this submission is being made within the 3 month period, it is believed that no extension of time is required.

However, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. G. Conlin', is written over a horizontal line.

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